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SUBJECT: Afghan-Soviet Economic Cooperation Agreement

REF : Kabul 2656

Attached is an enclosure which is the text of the Afghan-Soviet Economic Cooperation Agreement signed in Moscow on April 14. The text was published in the Kabul Times on April 21.

As reported in our reference telegram, the agreement seems to be a formalization of existing practices by the establishment of a Permanent Inter-Governmental Afghan-Soviet Commission for Economic Cooperation. The areas of economic and technical cooperation (e.g., Soviet assistance) mentioned in the text of the agreement are mostly sectors in which the Soviets are now working. Contrary to what we were told earlier and reported in the reference telegram, cooperation in commercial trade between the two countries is also mentioned as a subject for consideration by the Commission.

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Afghan-Soviet economic cooperation agreement

KABUL, April 21, (Bakhtar).—In the joint communiqué issued recently at the end of the official visit of the President of the Republic Mohammad Daoud to the Soviet Union, mention was made of signing of an economic cooperation agreement between Afghanistan and Soviet Union. Following is the text of the above agreement signed for Afghanistan by Planning Minister Ali Ahmad Khuram and for Soviet Union by Chairman of the Soviet State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations Skachkov in Moscow on April 14.

AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

The Government of the Republic of Afghanistan and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Repu-

blics on the basis of relations of friendship and good-neighbourliness, basing themselves on the principles of the Treaty of Friendship of February 28, 1921 and the Treaty on Neutrality and Mutual Non-Aggression of June 24, 1931.

On the basis of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations Organization.

On the basis of the principles of equality of rights, non-interference in the internal affairs of each other, mutual respect for sovereignty, national independence and territorial integrity.

Inspired by the desire to develop their economic, trade and technical relations in the future.

Have decided to conclude the present Agreement containing the following provisions:

ARTICLE 1.

The Contracting Parties express their desire for a further widening and dee-

pening of mutually-beneficial economic, technical and trade cooperation on a long-term basis in various fields.

ARTICLE 2.

The economic and technical cooperation between the two countries will widen and develop on the basis of the agreements and contracts on concrete projects, which will be a subject of agreement of the two sides, in such fields as:

Development of gas, oil, petrochemical and chemical industries; agriculture, irrigation and other branches of economy; health protection and veterinary science; Carrying out geological prospecting and exploration works for oil, gas and solid minerals and their industrial extraction;

Project preparation and construction of power industry installations, the development of transport and communications;

Vocational and technical training of personnel;

Protection of the environment, etc.

ARTICLE 3.

The Contracting Parties will contribute in every way for the development of cooperation between the organisations of the Republic of Afghanistan and Soviet Union concerned in the field of economic, trade and technical relations, as well as to concluding relevant agreements and contracts on the basis of this Agreement and in conformity with the laws in force in the two countries.

ARTICLE 4.

Questions of practical implementation of bilateral economic, technical and trade cooperation shall be discussed in the Permanent Inter-Governmental Afghan-Soviet Commission for Economic Cooperation, and relevant proposals shall be submitted for consideration by the governments of the two countries.

ARTICLE 5.

This Agreement shall en-

ter into force from the day of its signature and shall remain in force for 12 years. It will be extended for successive five year periods unless one Party notifies in writing the other of its intent to terminate the agreement one year prior to its expiration.

Done at Moscow, on 25 Hamal, 1356 Hejri, which corresponds to April 14, 1977, in duplicate, the Dari and Russian languages both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan
ALI AHMAD KHURAM
Minister of Planning

For the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Semyon A. SKACHKOV
Chairman of the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations